NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS. Local discount rates were quoted at 5 to 7 per cent on call and time loans. The clear-ances were \$6,905,543 and the balances \$865,-447. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 15c premium bld, 29c premium asked; Chicago, 40c premium bld, 50c premium asked; Cincinnati, per bld stepremium asked; New Orleans, par bld, 10c premium asked; Louisville, par bld, 10c premium asked;

premium asked. The local wheat market closed lower at 1% c b. May; 72%c July; 7414675c No. 2 red. Corn closed firm at 4014c May; 41c b. July; 4014640%c No. 2 white. Oats closed at 26c n. May; 2414c July; 276274c No. 2 The local market for spot cotton closed CZAR IS PREPARING FOR WAR.

LOCAL AND SURBAN. The Jefferson Club is sustained by the Court of Appeals in its expulsion of William

Otto Sprecht, 23 years old, kills himself

Forecaster Hyatt expects sunshine Wednesday, but does not try to guess at Thursday's weather.

L. E. Anderson, for the Mercantile Trust Company, purchased the Emilie building, southwest corner Ninth and Olive streets. Rumor has it that the building may be the site of the new theater which has been pro-

Day, still hopes to find him and makes a search of the suburbs. All World's Fair subscribers are urged to pay the 19 per cent assessment as soon as

George W. Parker, Republican candidate for Mayor, who has been denouncing the Nesbit law, was enabled, by its provisions only, to become a qualified candidate, inasmuch as he registered only two days before he was selected by the secret caucus. Gam Lee, known as the King of Hop Alley, one of the best-known and most influential members of the Chinese colony here, is dead of consumption. His funeral Sunday will be attended with extraordinary Celestial ceremonics.

GENERAL DOMESTIC. Railroad Contractor Albert L. Johnson is at work on an eight-track trolley line be-

tween Jersey City and Philadelphia.

John Dondurant, 11 years old, stole a tug in New York Harbor and put to sea alone. John Mullins, 79, and Nancy Downey, 77. were married at Middletown, Ky., without the consent of their children.

The Woman's Sabbath Alliance at its meeting Monday censured American col-

Chauncey Depew offers for sale at an in-creased price the house he had intended giv-ing his niece as a wedding gift.

Twenty-eighth Assembly District formally proposed Andrew Carnegle for Mayor of New York.

A train was lifted from a track in Georgia by a tornade Monday afternoon. None of the passengers was seriously injured.

A woman arrested in New York Mon-

day for causing two loads of furniture to be set down in front of the door of a

Pany.
President Rouse of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas is making a tour of inspection in Texas.
The Oregon Short Line has contracted to build an extension in Idaho.
The Supreme Court of Michigan holds that the Wabash must reduce its passenger fares in the State to 2 cents per mile.

Marine Intelligence. New York, March 26.-Arrived: Furnessia, from Glasgow; La Gascogne, from Havre. Gibraltar, March 26.-Arrived: Kaiserin Maria Teresa, from New York, for Naples

Singapore, March 26.—Passed: Indrapura, Slagapore, March 26.—Passed: Indraphra, Calgutta for San Francisco. Anckland, March 26.—Arrived: Sierra, San Francisco, via Honolulu for Sydney, New South Wales. Coronel, March 24.—Salled: Westminster, from San Francisco, for St. Vincent, Cape

Bremen, March 24.-Sailed: Rhein, New

dney, New South Wales, March 25 -Bulled: Lake Ontario, Hallfax and St. John New Brunswick. ol March 26.-Sailed: Lake On-

Portland, Me., March 26.-Arrived: Arca-

dian, Glasgow. New York, March 26.—Sailed: Cymric, Liverpool; Lahn, Bremen, via Southampton. New York, March 25.—Arrived: Kalser Wilhelm der Grosse, Bremen, etc.; Friesland, Antwerp, Vanderland, Southampton, etc.
Valparaiso, March 25.—Arrived: Steamer
Heathcraig, San Francisco for St. Vincent,

C. V., for coal.

Plymouth—Sailed: Steamer Pretoria, from
Hambourg and Boulogne, New York.

HIS VICTIM BLED TO DEATH.

Negro Knocks Engineer Through Glass of Saloon Door.

REPÜBLIC SPECIAL. Galesburg, Ill., March 26.-Ed Jackson, ne gro, a paroied prisoner from Joilet Peniten-tiary, struck Charles Row, a C., B. & Q. engineer, in a saloon in Galesburg Tuesday causing him to fall against the glass in a was cut and Rowe bled to death in a short

At New York Hotels.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 26.—Among the arrivals at the notels are the lonowing west-Sinch at the notes are the lonowing westeners:

Mr. Louis-Misses A. and E. P. Stewart,
Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Blackwel, S. W. Cowpet, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walsh, J. Sculin,
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stewart, A. M. Stewart, Mrs. R. E. Woodward, Wanoorf, Mr.
and Mrs. E. Rorapaugh, Sturtevant; S. S.
Hutchins, Sinclair; C. E. Lightner, Broadway Central; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. P. Wronn,
Gerard; L. Bry, Savoy; A. Elsas, Herali
gquare; J. M. and C. J. Tanner, Park Avenue; A. Mogge, C. R. Bradley, Grand
UnionKansas City-A. W. Stevans, Colonnada. Kansas City—A. W. Stevens, Colonnade; r. and Mrs. M. L. Edwards, Grand Union.

HAS NOT SIGNED AWAY MANCHURIA.

Time Limit on Secret Treaty With Russia Expires, Yet China Still Hesitates.

United States and Japan Against the Proposed Cession-Agreement to Preserve Celestial Empire in Danger.

the Chinese Minister informed the Associated Press at 6:15 p. m., Tuesday, that the The brother of Richard S. Morley, who Manchurian treaty had not been signed, ac-disappeared on the evening of St. Patrick's cording to their latest advices Tuesday. Whether it would be signed or not they

REJECT MANCHURIAN TREATY. London, March 27.-The Shanghai cor-

The City Council by dilatory tactics succeeded in preventing the Committee on Engrossmen from reporting the bill granting a franchise to the St. Louis and Illinois Electric Railroad Company.

Mayor Harrison of Chicago discusses the desertion of the Democratic party by former Govern Altgeld.

Contact W. Desker Repubblican candidate that the Chinese court has instructed Li Hung Chang to inform the Ministers of the Manchurlan convention, and has also notified all Viceroys to the same effect."

RUSSIA PREPARES FOR WAR. Constantinople, March 25.-Advices from Odessa, the Black Sea port of Russia, say that extraordinaary preparations for war are being made. The naval dockyards are pushing work on the Black Sea fleet, while thousands of soldiers are being dispatched in haste to various points of strategic importance.

The garrisons in all the cities are being doubled and domiciliary visits are made continually, with many arrests.

There is a real war fever abroad and the general impression seems to be that there will be a conflict in the Far East with Japan and possibly a European Power. WILL CHINA DEFY RUSSIA!

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, March 26.—Tuesday is the last day of the time limit given the Chi-Mrs. J. F. R. Foss, wife of the former nese by Russia to sign the Manchurian commander of the National Naval Veterans' vention and the State Department is awaitnese by Russia to sign the Manchurlan con-Association, has sued her husband for di- ing with considerable interest advices from Mayor Hatch has awarded a contract for shirt waists for the Camden police.

The Republican District Committee of the The Republican District formally that the conventions, of which there are Ambassador Tower at St. Petersburg and

not dure to refuse.

The main interest here is over the course that Japan will pursue. Nothing has come yet from Tokio as to the attitude of the Mikado's Government. Fear is expressed in Washington that the diplomatic crisis may result in hostilities between Russia and

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engaged in negotiation. HAY.

Agreement Violated.

The administration believes that the secret agreement between Russia and China is in violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the general understanding to which all the Powers subscribed last summer, and the United States Government is prepared to use all its moral stasion and influence to prevent its consummation. Further than that, however, this Government is not prepared to go.

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While attention has been centered upon the crisis connected with the Manchurian agreement, an entirely new and important phase of the Chinese question has been presented by the action of the Ministers at Fekin, in agreeing yesterday to submit to their various Governments whether arti-cies 8 and 9 of the Chinese protocol shall be carried out by the military authorities of all the Powers interested in China, or only by those Powers who are continuing only by those Powers who are continuing to take part in the application of these ar

ticles.

These two articles involve territorial affairs, and it may become of considerable moment whether the determination of such affairs is to be left with the military authorities of all the Powers or only with such Powers as continue their military forces in China.

In the latter case the United States Cay forces in China.

In the latter case the United States Government may be quietly but effectually deprived of all voice in the settlement of so much of the Chinese question.

much of the Chinese question.

WOULD MEAN PARTITION.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, March 26.—Great Britain, Germany and Japan have given notice to the United States that they will regard the signature of the Manchurian treaty as free ing them from the obligations they assumed last summer to preserve the integrity of China, and that they will proceed to consider such measures for the protection of their interests as they may deem advisable. "The United States cannot afford to go to war over the Chinese question." a member of the Cabinet said this afternoon. "The country would not support the President in any such policy. Protest cannot be maduntil the Government proposes to vigorously support it Finally, the United States cannot join any Power or any group of Powers in the enforcement of a policy. Independence of action must be maintained."

The sensational assertions of Mr. Maisuf, the Japanese secretary of Legation in London, this morning, predicting that the signing of the Manchurian convention will be followed by war. will, it is expected here, be brought by Russia to the attention of Japan, and she will be requested to disavow them.

Points Under Discussion. WOULD MEAN PARTITION.

Points Under Discussion London, March 26.—The Reuter Telegram Company has received the following dis-patch:
"Pekin March 26.7 p. m.—The report that "Pekin, March 26, 7 p. m.—The report that China rejects the Manchurian Convention is not true. She objects to many points which are under consideration."

DEMANDS A RECEIVER.

Bank at Elletsville Involved With

Palmer's Other Concerns. Bloomington, Ill., March 25.-Through her attorneys, Hanley & Wilson, Miss Henrietta K. Perry Tuesday afternoon applied to Judge W H Martin of the Monroe Circuit Court W. H. Martin of the Monroe Circuit Court for a receiver to take charge of the Ellets-ville Bank, which was closed on an attach-ment January 25 to satisfy a judgment of Dow W. Woodall, a heavy depositor. The bank was owned and operated by Edmond Palmer of Chicago, who also conducted banks at both Desplaines and Ashley, Ill.

To Prevent Pneumonia and Grip.

FILLEY ON ELECTION LAW.

"I will say this for the Nesbit law: It is a better law, as it is changed at present, than the former law, with such Commissioners as were appointed by Messrs, Walbridge and Henry Ziegenhein.

"As it stands to-day, the law is a good one. This knocks one of the principal stilts from under Parker, the great unknown, and the Republic-

"What we must fight for now is clean government in every department of the city."-Chauncey I. Filley at Kotterman's Hall.

HOW WELLS TREATS DISABLED EMPLOYES.

Testify to Philanthropic Motives of His Company.

No Bills Are Presented to the Workmen for Either Medical Treatment, Nursing or

Medicines.

Since the attack upon Mr. Wells's atti-tude toward labor was made, delegations of his employes have came to St. Louis from Granite City, Ill., and made state-ments refuting every charge that has been made.

The fact that his company recognizes union labor in most friendly manner is now admitted on all sides, but the further fact has developed that Mr. Wells's company does what none other in this community does, when any of its men are sick or injured it cares for them at its own expense. In proof of the statement that he cares for his sick and injured, the following affidaylis were obtained yesterday: SISTER CAMILLUS MAKES AFFIDAVIT.

MAKES AFFIDAVIT.

St. Louis, Mo., March 25, 1801.—State of Miasouri, City of St. Louis-ss.

Sister Mary Camillus, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am the head sister in charge of St. John's Hospital, and do hereby state that the aforesaid bospital is employed by the American Steel Foundry Company to furnish nursing, board and medicine to all of its white employes that are injured at its works, and that every expense incurred is paid by the aforesaid American Steel Foundry Company. Some of its employes are now in our hospital.

SISTER MARY CAMILLUS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this twenty-fifth day of March, 1801.

LUCHLLE J. BARLOW.

LUCHLE J. BARLOW, Notary Public in and for the City of St. Louis,

NEGRO EMPLOYES. St. Louis, Mo., March 25, 1901.—State of Missouri, City of St. Louis—ss.
Samuel P. Stafford, being duly sworn deposes

CANDIDATE PARKER ON THE DEFENSIVE.

London, March 25.-The Foreign Office and | Heads of Hospitals in St. Louis | Denies That He Is a Rich Man and Says That He Doesn't Ride in Carriages.

INSTITUTION FOR NEGROES. SPEAKS AT TWO MEETINGS.

Again Fails to Take the Public Into His Confidence as to

don't ride about in carriages, and my wife and daughters ride on the street cars just as your wives and daughters do."

Mr. Parker failed to mention here that he rode to the meeting in a carriage from a hall at Vandeventer and Easton avenues, only five blocks distant. He may have in-tended to explain that in campaign times he altered his principles in regard to riding in carriages, but if he did it slipped his mind, and those in the audience who had seen him step from the rubber-tired vehicle when he arrived at the hall were in a quandary as to which to believe—their eyes or their ears.

Mr. Parker read from an editorial in The Republic of last Monday in which, among other things, the question as to what he had done for the World's Fair was raised. He ignored the World's Fair matter entire-ly, and again avoided taking the public into his confidence on the point of when he "obligated himself" to the great enterprise. Earlier in the evening Mr. Parker ap-

accordance with Mayor Ziegenhein's wishes, swung the organization in his ward to Parker at the primary. As secretary of the City Central Committee he transacts most of the details in connection with the campaign.

MEETINGS OF DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN CLUBS.

There will be a Democratic mass meeting under the auspices of the regular Demo-cratic Club of the Twenty-first Ward at Hashagen's Hall Thursday evening, March 28. The following speakers have been secured for this occasion: Rolla Wells, Zack Tinker, Senator John W. Drabelle, Senator John P. Collins, Ben Selkirk, Doctor R. M. King, J. J. Hannigan, M. J. Mulvihill. All who are interested in a clean municipal government are invited to attend.

The Rolla Wells Club of the Second Precinct of the Twenty-fourth Ward will hold a meeting Wednesday night at No. 4139
Folsom avenue, at which A. C. Maroney, Tom L. Anderson and other speakers will be heard.

PLANS FOR THE PARADE.

All Arrangements Complete for Saturday Night's Big Rally.

All arrangements have been made for the big meeting to be held at the Collseum on Saturday evening, March 30, under the auspices of the Campaign Committee of the The hall has been decorated and Seyour's Military Band has been engaged for the occasion.

This will be the last grand rally of the

campaign.

It is expected that 19,990 men will be in which starts from the line in the big parade, which starts from the Jefferson Club at 7:30 p. m. Saturday. The marchers will carry red lights. The Jefferson Club Drum Corps and two nilitary bands will be in line. Seats will be reserved at the Collseum for all those participating in the parade.

FLEMING TICKET NOMINATED.

If Successful, Party Will Revive Water Question in Webster.

The friends of Mayor Fleming of Webster Groves met in caucus at Bristoi's Hall Tuesday night, with R. G. Hogan in the chair, to nominate a ticket which the present Mayor might head in opposition to the ticket nominated last Thursday at the primaries called by the Webster Clitizens Association, when Thomas C. Young was indorsed for the mayorality.

The ticket named by the Fleming party is as follows: For Mayor, William S. Fleming; Street Commissioner, A. B. Kauffman, who is also the nominee on the Young ticket; Collector, Samuel Slosson; City Marshal, E. B. Nace; Police Justice, E. A. Andrews, also the Young nominee; Alderman from the First Ward, N. D. Thompson; Alderman from the Second Ward, E. S. Hart, also of the Young ticket; Alderman from the Third Ward, L. B. Blackmer;

Alderman from the Fourth Ward, B. M. Whittemore.

The meeting was attended by 250 friends of the present Mayor, most of them living within the old limits of the town of Webster Groves. The first there was no opposition to the ticket as finally named, the few Young supporters who were present being merely spectators who took no part in the proceedings. The meeting adjourned before 10 o'clock.

L. R. Blackmer, candidate for Alderman. Iore 10 o'clock.

L. R. Blackmer, candidate for Alderman, in a speech declared that if the Fleming ticket were successful, the water contract proposition might go before the people again.

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY HERE. Member of Celebrated Family Dis-

Cusses His Appointment.

O. P. Gentry, whose appointment as Private secretary to Governor Dockery was announced Tuesday, arrived in St. Louis Tuesday night on private business. Mr. Gentry is related to the famous Gentry family of Missouri and Kentucky. He has been in business in Smithville, Clay County, for years and has been active in politics for years. In speaking of the appointment Mr. Gentry said it was entirely unexpected.

"Mr. Dockery and I have always been the best of friends," said he, "but so far as being made private secretary is concerned, was entirely out of my mind. I was not informed of the intention until Tuesday, when I was called at Jefferson City by the Governor and he asked me if I would accept the place. After some hesitation I concluded to do so." cusses His Appointment.

TWENTY-SEVENTH WARD RALLY Hall Could Not Accommodate the Crowd.

The Democrats of the Twenty-seventh Ward held a rousing raily Tuesday night at O'Connell's Hall, corner of Marcus and Easton avenues. A torchlight procession with 700 men in line preceded the meeting. The crowd was so large the hall would not hold all, and an overflow meeting was held on the street. It was admitted by all present that it was the largest meeting ever held in the ward.

John I. Martin addressed both meetings. Charles L. Geraghty, candidate for the House of Delegates, made a speech, and after he finished the crowd cheered him lustily, Others who spoke were: John F. Lingner, Charles F. Kelly, R. M. Vance, J. F. Walsh and H. P. Rogers.

CHICAGO MAY GET THE RACE. Washington Park After Cresceus-Bo

ralma-Charley Herr Contest. Chicago, March 26.—The great trotting race between Cresceus, Boralma and Charley Herr may be held over the Washington Park track in this city. Negotiations have been in progress for some time, and it is now said that the race is practically assured for Chicago.

WARNS VOTERS AGAINST PARKER.

Chauncey I. Filley Declares the Taxpayer Would Have to Pay for Campaign of "Nuts.'

CROWD CHEERS FOR REFORM.

Good Government Candidate for Mayor Points Out the Real Issues of Present Municipal Campaign.

Voters of the Eighteenth Ward gathered more than 400 strong at German Military Hall, Twelfth and Benton streets, Tuesday night to attend the Good Government mass meeting. The audience was a representa-tive one, and a noticeable feature of the gathering was the large number of men who for years have been identified with the regular Republican party.

It was the most enthusiastic crowd which has met the candidates on the Good Gov-

ernment ticket in the present campaign. All the speakers were heartily received and were greeted with cheers and applause. Ev-ery seat in the large hall was occupied, and spectators lined the walls and crowded the

What He Has Done for the World's Fair.

George W. Parker, Republican candidate for Mayor, devoted the greater part of his speech at Hashagen Hall, Leonard and Easton averues, in the Twenty-first Ward. The sday right, to a denial of the statement and current report that he is a rich man. In the course of his remarks, he said: "I never have been rich; I never want to be and never will be." He referred to his worldly possessions as "a competency."

"I nave never claimed to be a rich man, and I have never claimed to be a poor man," he said. "I don't dress like a rich man, and I don't act like a rich man, I don't ride about in carriages, and my wife and daughters ride on the street cars tant.

from the past knowledge of any man to tell in which political camp he might be

found.
"All have but one object," he declared,
"and that is to obtain good government,
except such as seek a living in actual polities—the men who are out after the lities—the men who are out after the 'nuts.'

"We have no longer a regular Republican party," he continued, "neither have we a regular Republican ticket, or slate simply because we had no regular Republican City Convention where these things could be made. There was forced upon us a socalled Republican ticket, but we don't have to take it; and we won't take it. The voters of St. Louis are too independant to accept any ticket which they had no part in making. As far as I can see the platform is one of 'nuts.' There is to be a fixed appropriation for these nuts, and the long-suffering tax payers of St. Louis will have to pay. But I am pretty confident that Mr. Parker and his gang-made-ticket will not get in at all, and they won't have an opportunity to distribute nuts.

To the negroes at the natatorium he de-

opportunity to distribute nuts.

To the negroes at the natatorium he declared: "When I am elected to the office of Mayor there will be no North St. Louis, no South St. Louis, no West St. Louis or no Central St. Louis. It will be all St. Louis, and I will stand for all the people. I will be under obligation to no man or set

of men, and I will take the office to clear the polluted atmosphere of that unfinished City Hall and our public institutions." RECOGNITION FOR

THE NEGRO RACE. Referring to the World's Fair he said: "I propose to the extent of whatever influence I may have to exert myself to see that the negro race is represented by a proper department at the Fair that will set forth to the entire world what negroes are capable of doing if given a chance, and what they

Lieutenant Governor John A. Lee also spoke at the meeting. After telling what the twenty-five Democratic Senators had done ward raising the appropriation for Lincoln Institute, the negro school at Jef-ferson City, from \$30,000 to \$42,000, and kill-ing the proposed control of the proposed c Ierson City, from \$30,000 to \$42,000, and kill-ing the proposed enactment of a separate coach law, Governor Lee stated that he wanted the negroes of St. Louis to recipro-cate by assisting in the election of the en-ting Demographic Higher

tire Democratic ticket.

This is not the time to take up the question of home rule. What can the municipality do to secure home rule? Wait until the next election of members of the Legislature if you are to have a change in the laws of the State. Don't try to cross a river before reaching it. The politics and corruption of Ziegenhein and his gang has brought the city into its present straits. It rests with the voters to clean out the nest on April 2. The citizens are awake and the cry of good government is heard above everything else. Men who formerly never attended a political meeting are turning out in numbers now. Every one wants to learn and think for himself, and the result will be the smashing of the Republican political machine and the cry of good government is heard above everything else. Men who formerly never attended a political meeting are turning out in numbers now. Every one wants to learn and think for himself, and the result will be the smashing of the Republican political machine and the cry of the Republican political machine and the cry of good government is heard above everything else. Men who formerly never attended a political meeting are turning out in numbers now. Every one wants to learn and think for himself, and the result will be the smashing of the Republican political machine and the cry of good government is heard above everything else. Men who formerly never attended a political meeting and the result will be the smashing of the Republican political machine and the cry of good government is heard above everything else. Men who formerly never attended a political meeting and the cry of good government is heard above everything else. Men who formerly never attended a political meeting and the cry of good government is heard above everything else. Men who formerly never attended a political meeting and the cry of good one wants to learn and think for himself, and the result will be the smashing of the Republican political machine and the landing into office honest city officials."

Robert E. McMath, President of the Board of Public Improvements, and candidate for that office on the Good Government ticket, made a strong talk on the methods practiced by the gang in the last four years of its administration in the City Hall. Other speakers were H. Reinstedler, Henry Reinstedler and A. B.

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IN THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WARD. Democrats Confident of Success Next Tuesday.

One hundred and seventy-five of the ac tive Democratic workers of the Twenty eighth ward met thesing man at the situa-nand Delmar avenues to consider the situa-tion and advise with one another upon the work to be done during the balance of the campaign. The reports received were of the most encouraging nature, and little doubt is fell that the ward will go Demodoubt is felt that the ward will go Demo-cratic next Tuesday.

Among those who made speeches were:
Thomas E. Mulvihill, Judge John A. Sed-don, Festus J. Wade, Hiram Phillips,
George D. Markham, Fellx Gunn, Richard
Hanlon and Thomas Crews. William Culp
presided and Dick Wray acted as secry-tary.

John C. Roberts reported everything most
encouraging in his section of the ward.

encouraging in his section of the ward. Others present made equally encouraging Others present made equally encouraging reports.

The Democrats will hold a grand mass meeting Wednesday evening in the Arcade Hall. All the Democratic candidates will be present, and besides them, eminent speakers from the State will address the meeting. The Democrats of the west end of the ward are trying to make this meeting a grand success, and they hope all the Democrats will turn out.

The meeting was to have taken place in DeHodlamont, but at the last moment the managers were disappointed in getting a hall, and the meeting place was changed to the Arcade Hall.

SEEKS A LEASE ON C., B. & Q.

Northern Pacific Interests Said to Have Made an Offer.

Cincinnati, O., March 25.—Mrs. Nation called on Mayor Fleischmann at the City Hall Tuesday afternoon and scolded him for operating a distillery here. On her arrival the Mayor greeted her cordially, and asked her if he could do anything for her. She said:

"Yes; I want you to give me some advice as to how to close the hell holes in this city. You know they exist. What are you going to do?

"You will never die weil as long as you are a man who manufactures intoxicating drinks. You will have some serious questions to answer when you face your God. I can do no more than warn you, and that I must do."

Y. M. H. A. DANCE—There will be a dance given at the Y. M. H. A. rooms, No. 2737 Locust street, Wednesday evening, March 27, from 8:30 until midnight, for mem-bers and their lady friends.

The largest and most carefully selected stock of Imported and Domestic

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> For Tailor-Made Gowns. In Exclusive Colorings.

50-inch All-Wool	Cheviot	\$1.00
50-inch All-Wool	Broadcloth	\$1.25
58-inch All-Wool	English Tweeds	\$1.50
56-inch All-Wool	Kersey	\$1.50
56-inch All-Wool	Gray-Mixed Cheviot	\$1.75
50-inch All-Wool	Fancy English Cloth	\$1.75
56-inch All-Wool	Venetians	\$2.00
	Reversible Cloths	
50-inch Vicuna Cl	heviot	\$2.25
46-inch Illuminate	ed Camel's Hair	\$2.50
	ve Zibeline	
	Homespun	

And all the very newest weaves and colorings in French, German and American Dress Fabrics, including evening shades, pure white and cream, 50c to \$3.50 per yard

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PARKER BENEFITED BY NESBIT LAW.

Registered Only Two Days Before Secret Caucus Selected Him as Mayoralty Candidate.

The manner in which the Nesbit law, which is the subject of such strong denunciation by George W. Parker and other candidates on the Republican ticket, assisted Parker at a critical moment and sisted Parker at a critical moment and helped him to become the nominee of the Secret Caucus Committee, is a story that Mr. Parker and his friends have omitted

from their speeches.

Until recently Mr. Parker lived at No. 2639 Washington boulevard. He registered from that address in 1896, and subsequently Take Charge of the Peniter in the that address in 1896, and subsequently voted in the presidential election in 1897. Mr. Parket hat address in 1896, and subsequently voted in the presidential election in 1897. Mr. Parket hat a election in 1890 mor vote in that a election. He was in Europe in the autumn and his absence from the city accounted for the nonappearance of his name on the list of voters.

Mr. Parker was selected as the secret caucus candidate for Mayor on February 2. Two days before the secret caucus committee decided upon Mr. Parker, he went to the main office of the Board of Election. The Republican candidate for Mayor now lives at No. 474 Westminster place, in Precinct 6 of the Twenty-eighth Ward, and he registered from that address.

Had the law of 1895 been in effect—the law which has been praised by Mr. Parker and "the boys," he could not have qualified on February 20, two days before he was chosen by the secret caucus committee, and possibly the nomination would have gone to some one else.

It was somewhat of a last-minute enrollment, considering it in conjunction with the decision of the committee two days later. When Mr. Parker's name came up before the committee, and there appeared to be a prospect that it would indorse him. Mr. Parker proceeded to the main office of the Board of Election Commissioners and qualified. The "boys" have condemned the main-office registration as nefarious, but they have not reprimanded Mr. Parker for registering in the main office.

KING OF HOP ALLEY

Consumption Carries Off Best-Known and Most Influential

Gam Lee, King of Hop Alley, died of consumption at his home in the alley, between Eighth and Ninth streets, Tuesday morning. He was a member of the Chinese branch of the Freemasons in this city and will be buried under the auspices of the society. A meeting of his lodge Tuesday night at No. 21 South Eighth street set-tied all the details of the ceremony, which will be the most notable since the death of

will be the most notable since the death of Lee Pon, four years ago.

Lee Sin Dock was the real name of the dead Chinese, who in many ways was the best-known of all his fellow-countrymen who live in St. Louis. He was acknowledged to be the best "fantan" dealer and the squarest. He was 45 years old, and had been for twenty years a resident of this country, which, in the Chinese tongue, is called "Fah-Kee," or the land of the Flowery Flag.

Though a Celestial to the quick, Gam Lee recognized the virtues of certain Occidental discoveries. He employed an American doctor, will be buried by a well-known undertaking firm, employed the best of legal talent whenever arrested, and in many little ways showed that his understanding was broader than that of the average Chinaman. He married a white wife, but regarded this as the greatest mistake of his life, for she introduced him to the American state called incompatibility of temper. Then Gam Lee separated his fortunes from hers.

To the police Gam Lee was a model. He was polite, intelligent, spoke excellent English, would open his or lum joint to visitors who came only to satisfy curiosity, and never told a lie even when the truth was costly to himself.

Tuesday night there was a steady stream of callers in the little parlor in Hop alley, where the remains of Gam Lee lay in all the state of silken robes and costly casket of black.

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The funeral hour has been set for next Sunday noon, and Chicago's stock of Chinese Masonic regalia has been telegraphed for. An effort has also been made to secure the attendance of Grand Master Gim Shing of Indianapolis, which, if successful, will insure a ceremonial observance of Oriental death rites never before approached in St. Louis.

Whatever may have been Gam Lee's shortcomings in the eyes of Americans, he enjoyed during life "good honor among the Chinese."

DEATH OF OFFICER FOGARTY.

Former Democratic Politician and a Police Clerk.

Officer Bernard J. Fogarty, a clerk at the Tenth District Police Station, died at his home, No. 3038 Evans avenue, at 4:30 c'clock Tuesday morning from pneumonia. His demise was sudden, as he had been ill

but a few days.

Mr. Fogarty had been on the police force Mr. Fogarty had been on the police force for many years. He was also prominent in Democratic politics. His services with the police force began in the administration of Mayor Noonan, when he was a cierk at the Central District Police Station. He afterwards resigned this position and held a cierical position in the Auditor's office for several years. In August, 1895, he was again appointed on the police force and served as a cierk at the Ninth District Station until last January, when he was transferred to a similar position at the Tenth District Station.

BIG FOUR ROUTE TO **NEW YORK BUFFALO.**

NO FERRY TRANSFER.

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Has Been Commissioned and Will

O. P. Gentry, Clay County, private secre-O. P. Gentry, Clay County, private secretary of the Governor. Mr. Gentry is a prominent young business man of Smithville, and has been one of the most active and efficient Democrats of the State.

William Todd of St. Louis, Deputy Warden of the Missouri Penitentiary. Captain Todd was formerly connected with the Penitentiary as Deputy Warden and is reputed to be one of the best prison disciplinarians in the United States.

SEES CINCINNATI'S SLUMS.

Mrs. Nation Does Missionary Work in the Queen City.

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 26.—There is no longer any doubt that interests identified with the Northern Pacific Railroad have made a definite proposition to the directors of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad to lease that property at a guarantee of T per cent on the stock, and it is further stated that the matter is now under advisement by the Burlington board.

Whether the Burlington directors will accept the proposal cannot be ascertained. It is stated that the proposition is opposed by former President Perkins of the Burlington, who has left Burlington, Ia., his home, for Boston to confer with his colleagues.

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home, for Boston to confer with his colleagues.

Mr. Perkins is still a director of the company, over which he presided for so many years, and his influence is still potent with the investors who are so largely represented among the Burlington shareholders.

Very little information was obtainable in this city Tuesday as to the details of the proposed arrangement, and it must be admitted that what was said was of a negative order. Still, from a source that admits of no question, comes the report that the proposition has been made and the buying of Burlington and Northern Pacific in the late hours on the Stock Exchange gave very strong corroboration to the report.

port.
At the office of the Northern Pacific road it was admitted by President Mellen that he had heard the report, but he stated that he had no knowledge of such a proposal. DAMAGED BY FIRE—Fire in the three-story brick building at No. 714 North Main street, Tuesday afternoon, caused a damage of \$2,000 to stock and \$500 to the building, which was occupied as a furniture warewhich was occupied as a furniture ware-house by D. Crawford Dry Goods Company. The loss is covered by insurance. The ori-gin of the fire is unknown.

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